Orientation Week — Sept. 12-18 — will be a busy week for the freshmen next fall, starting Monday afternoon, Sept. 12, at 1:00 with the A.C.T. test to a program of praise on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Tuesday morning starts early with tests for all freshmen. Library orientation, meetings with advisors, and a speech by the Dean of Students will keep the newcomers busy that day.

Registration and sports activities will be highlighted on Wednesday by the Thalians on Thalian Activity Night. Friday evening will keep the newcomers busy that day.

Classes will commence on Friday morning with a film “Lilies of the Field” to be shown in the auditorium the same night. A hike at Newton Hills is planned as the main attraction for Saturday. Eight members of the faculty will accompany the freshmen to set the pace. Meals will be cooked out in the open, as the true pioneers did. In case of emergency we hope the commons will be prepared for a sudden deluge of hungry hikers.

In short, a week packed with activities is in store for the newcomers. — J.S.

ACTIVITY NIGHT FRIDAY

Three distinctively different areas of interpretation will be attempted by the Thalians on Thalian Activity Night, April 29. An original product of the collaboration of John Byker and Jim Vanden Bosch uncovering the behind the mike activities of a radio disc jockey will be set to pantomime by several Thalian hams. Story telling and children’s creative drama will also be featured along with a combination of folk poetry and song.

Balancing the new is the tried and true: a reader’s theatre presentation of Ibsen’s An Enemy of the People (to be presented later at the Tri-State Speech Contest) and the reading of humorous poetry by Mamie Haan and Alan Huisman. And again demonstrating the originality of the evening will be a farce on slap stick humor and Stu Williams reading four of his own poems.

If you’re looking for originality, Thalians have it! We hope you like it! — J.B.

SCIENCE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The program committee of the Science and the Christian Faith lecture series, under the chairmanship of Dr. Alberda, is pleased to announce that Dr. Bastiaan Van Elderen, of Calvin Theological Seminary, will address the spring meeting of the series. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 14.

Dr. Van Elderen graduated from Calvin College in 1949, received his B.D. degree from Calvin Seminary, his M.A. from the University of California, and his Th. D. from the Pacific School of Religion. He has taught at Calvin College, the Near East School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, Jordan, and is now the Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary.

He is also a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, the American Academy of Religion, the Chicago Society of Biblical Research, the Archaeological Institute of America, and the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas.

Dr. Van Elderen gained experience in his field of Biblical archaeology when he joined the Wheaton Archaeological Expedition in 1962 and 1964 in excavating the site of the city of Dothan. As a member of the staff of the British Institute of Archaeology, he also found ruins of early Christian churches in central Turkey.

The address at Dordt will be part of a lecture tour of this area. Dr. Van Elderen will lecture in the Prinsburg and Edgerton, Minnesota, areas May 11 and 12. The talk delivered to the audience at the Dordt College auditorium is entitled: “Archaeology’s Contribution to a Hermeneutical Framework for Theology and Science.”

The program committee of the Science and the Christian Faith lecture series was very pleased at the attendance of the symposium concerning the Days of Creation held last fall. The committee hopes that those who wish to apply their Christian faith to the area of science will continue to attend these meetings. — dj

IOWA ACADEMICY OF SCIENCES

Members of the Biology and Mathematics Departments of Dordt College attended the meetings of the Iowa Academy of Sciences recently. The meetings took place Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. The delegates heard three major addresses and smaller lectures delivered to sectional meetings. — dj
Crossfire

by Jay Levering

Once upon a time in days of yore an old enfeebled prophet came to a
rich kingdom and begged an audience. Since the king respected the teach-
ings of the prophet, he generously granted his request. The prophet
immediately began his tale of woe.

"O King," he wheezed, "in your
kingdom there lives a man who has a
huge farm which employs some
500 men. Nearly all the employees
eat in a delicatessen he has built for
that purpose. However, the men are
over-charged for their meals and the
excess money is taken by the farmer
and spent on his farm. Not only this,
but the meals are somewhat less
than desirable and many of the men
would rather eat at other competitive
delicatessens which strive for culinary
excellence since they compete with
other eating establishments. Furthermore, O King," the prophet contin-
ued, "many of the men do not eat the
morning meals but are forced to pay
for them anyhow. O King, help the
men."

At this the king was exceedingly
wrought and immediately inquired of
the prophet who this man was.

TENSION-PRESSURE-PAIN

Tension seems to be mounting a-
mong the student body as evidenced
by some "nasty" pranks which have
been observed of late. Late newcom-
ers to the scene should be in-
formed that if they ever lose any-
thing it will probably turn up on
the gym ceiling, behind the new li-
brary, or on stage in the gym.

Tension, it seems, is also getting
the best of the administration lately,
which will probably be evidenced by
a rise in tuition rates next year. Since
your reporter feels he must be loyal
to the students and simultaneously
be aware of those in authority, the
following proposition is in order: If
there are any conscience-ridden by-
standers who feel that they must fur-
nish confessions or money to the of-

cce, yet don't quite dare for fear of
reprisals, I will be happy to act as
a go-between to quell any potential
riots.

By the way, I hear complaints a-
bout the validity of entrusting the
care of Santa to the Sophomore class.
Can this be true???

—D.N.
**Eleven Games On Baseball Schedule**

After being rained out Wednesday, April 20 the baseball team will open its season today with a single game at Estherville. The team has an eleven game schedule this year and the members are itching to meet the first pitch. Although much valuable practice has been lost because of the weather, the team should be ready for today's game.

The baseball roster for the 1966 season is:

- Jaye Levering, infield, pitcher
- John Vander Maten, infielder
- Terry Jonker, catcher
- Bob Miedema, outfielder, pitcher
- Don Ver Meer, first base, pitcher
- Jon Brower, outfield, infield
- Mike Du Mez, second base
- Bill Janssen, shortstop
- Leroy Logterman, outfield
- Gerry Stiesma, outfield
- Gene Hospers, infield, pitcher
- Stan Vander Kooi, outfield
- Larry Van Wieren, outfield, pitcher
- Willy Verhof, outfield

The schedule of games with their times and places is as follows:
- Apr. 25—Estherville T., 3:30, 1 g.,
- April 28—John Kennedy, H., 2:00, 2 games
- May 3—Gen. Beadle, T., 1:00, 2 games
- May 5—Augustana, T., 12:00, 2 games
- May 10—Northwestern, H., 2:00, 2 games
- May 12—Westmar, H., 3:00, 1 game
- May 17—Estherville, H., 3:30, 1 game

All home games will be played in Sioux Center at the town ball park at the southwest end of town.

**The Student Council Reports....**

- that the Thalians’ Activity Night has been re-scheduled for April 29.
- that Delores Logterman has been awarded the $5.00 prize for the best design. Construction of the float will begin within the next few weeks.
- that the proposed budget for 1966-67 is now in a faculty committee.
- that all who are qualified and interested in campaigning for Student Body President should begin working. Details will continue to be posted on the bulletin board.

**DORDT APPRECIATION DAY**

Members of the Sioux Center Civic Club met April 1 in the Commons to discuss plans for a drive to raise money for the purchase of new books for Dordt's library. Initial contributions totaling $2,000 were made by the members. A four-man committee was appointed to contact the people in and around Sioux Center. The typing class of the local high school contributed by typing addresses on letters of solicitation which were sent to 720 homes throughout the community. For each $10 received the name of the donor will be printed in a book.

On Monday night, April 18, Dordt's music department, representing the faculty, administration, and student body responded in appreciation to this effort to provide much needed funds to the Dordt College Book Club. This is the second year that the Civic Club has sponsored the drive.

**VISITING CHEMIST.**

The Program of the Visiting Scientist in Chemistry is sponsored by the Division of Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society. The National Science Foundation furnishes most of the support for the program. The program has as its stated objectives 1) to strengthen and stimulate chemical programs in colleges; 2) to allow college chemistry people to come in contact with productive and creative chemists; 3) to aid in motivation in chemistry careers and teaching.

The chemist who visited Dordt College is Dr. Ronald T. Pfau, the Vice-chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City. Dr. Pfau's research interests lie in optical methods of chemical analysis.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 20, at 4:00, Dr. Pfau spoke on the topic "Color in Chemical Analysis." Thursday morning he met informally with the chemistry students and at 2:00 delivered a talk on "Color and Chemical Constitution."—dj

**NEW LIBRARY CHECK-OUT SYSTEM — P.S.**

In a move to update its recent library project and to accomodate students who might desire to take out material overnight, the Political Science Club has added a self-operating check-out system as a new feature to the library.

The library, a recent project of the
Editorial
—John Vander Maten

"Times magazine recently carried the headline that God is dead. What was our reaction to this statement. Were we shocked or did we laugh it off assuming that it was only the trivia of some southern malcontents. The thing that struck me most upon reading the article was the lesson that we can learn from it. Just how alive is God to us. Have you ever taken the time during your busy day to consider how alive God is in our lives? When the people of other or no faiths look at us, can they see that God and our belief in God is a true and vibrant part of our lives? The answer for the majority of us would have to be, I doubt it. Being prepared to weather the cries of hypocrisy I would like to list a few situations. When we are having the evening ball sessions, does our language betic those who have a truly "living God"? In sports, when things are not going our way, does our language show our love and respect for our God? When you sneak a game of cards or a drink can people that see you believe that you serve a living God? I never have and never will lay claim to living a perfect or near perfect life, but this controversy has stirred up questions in my life and perhaps it should in yours also. How alive is God to you. I have the feeling that for most of us, if God is not dead, he is in a severe rundown condition.

"ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 9—God, creator of the universe, principal deity of the world's Jews, ultimate reality of Christians, and most eminent of all divinities, died late yesterday during major surgery undertaken to correct a massive diminishing influence.

Reaction from the world's great and from the man in the street was uniformly incredulous... From Independence, Mo., former President Harry S. Truman, who received the news in his Kansas City barbershop, said 'I'm always sorry to hear somebody is dead. It's a damn shame.' " (Times Magazine April 8, 1966). Well, how dead is our God?

Juniors: Eldon Dyk, Nadene Bouma.
Seniors: Doug De Boer, Lois Van Beek.

Each aspirant is to contact his track captain and indicate his track and/or field qualifications. Applicants are urged to do this as soon as possible. A list of events has been posted in the main building. Reportedly, the I-M council is dreading an overwhelming response to the co-ed relay race.

Final registration procedures are being completed for the last major I-M sport this season—softball. The number of teams involved and the scheduling of games has not yet been released. More on that next time. According to the shower chatter, the varsity baseball team, after regular season play, wishes to challenge the intramural softball champions. In this rather diminutive World Series, the varsity men want to play the I-M's rules and the I-M's game. Hmmm!!

Softball is around the corner and school is nearly out—last chance for those amateurish Dordt critics to get that last big grand slam.

I-M Gems
by John A. Byker
To whom it may concern:

The intramural writer sighingly repents of any undue attention to potentially-powerful volleyball teams of Dordt College. As you remember, he confidently assigned first-spot positions to the SUSSEYCATS and the SPARTANS. Sad to say, the SPARTANS seem to be unaccustomed to lighter vestments of warfare and continue to play as clumsily as if arrayed in full metal battle garments. The PUSSEYCATS, on the other hand, are too gentle to raise any first place fur. But, as a matter of protocol, the columnist is obligated to stick with his choice and swallow his words.

Scheduled for an early-May debut, track makes its initial appearance in the intramural curriculum. The I-M council has appointed the following students to serve as head captains of each class:

Freshmen: Duane Bakker, Mamie Haan.
Sophomores: Bill Janssen, Jean Meyer.